

St Mary's Community Orchard

As part of the St Mary 's Landscape Plan, The Friends of St Mary's together with other interested local community volunteers are being invited to gather interest for establishing a community orchard set amongst Spring Meadow (a new wildflower meadow) at the former allotments. The Conservation Trust (TCV) will help with starting the orchard by on-site preparation work, planting and follow up management care associated with the establishing orchard. The midweek volunteers will install a boundary post and wire mesh protective fence including access gate around the proposed orchard area. This task will be carried out from mid-September.

The Friends of St Mary's along with other local interested community volunteers will be invited and encouraged to take an active role in the orchard creation and establishment with a view of taking over the long-term management and use of the community orchard in a sustainable manner for the benefit of the local community.

Leicester City Council will provide the fruit planting stock for the community orchard which would include Heritage apple varieties; Starks Earliest, Custard Apple, Allington Pippin, King Edward and the modern variety of Almond. There will be unknown varieties of Plum x 5 and Heritage varieties x 2. Planting will take place on a weekend date around mid to late November.